

**REMARKS**

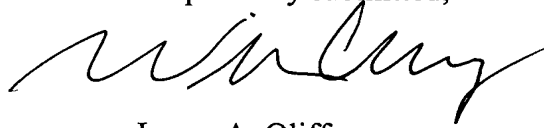
Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 2 and 8 are amended. No new matter is added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

Claim 1 is allowed. Claims 2 and 8 are objected to for a minor informality, and claims 3-7 and 9-15 are objected to as being dependent on claims 2 and 8, respectively. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested in view of the amendments set forth above. Applicants respectfully note that claim 2 is also amended to correct the antecedent basis for "information with respect to the number of pixels outputted per scanning by each output unit."

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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